

THE HILLIARDS

Serving our Lord in the Amazon

PRaises

- Restrictions have loosened and we are able to meet in church again!
- We have given over 100 “family bags” to those in need in our area!

PRayer Requests

- More freedom for church services, as there are currently a lot of restrictions in place.
- Travel between towns to open up
- Witnessing opportunities with our new neighbors

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

We are amazed that this year is already halfway over! Life has, most certainly, not been dull in the last few months. Our city’s restrictions get updated every 15 days, and thankfully, they have been decreasing. During April and May, we were not allowed to drive a vehicle, and everyone had a curfew which went from 5am-3pm/6pm. However, the situation has calmed down in Tabatinga, and despite the consistent rise in Covid-19 cases, we have mostly resumed to normal conditions. Our “sister” city of Leticia has had very stringent restrictions. They are currently able to leave their houses twice during the work week to get groceries, and children are still not allowed outside.

One glimmer of hope in our city is that church services have resumed! Although there are some major restrictions, such as 6 ft. between seats (including your own family members) and a one-hour time limit, it is still a step forward!

At the start of April, our language tutor caught the Corona virus. Due to that and the restrictions, we were forced to pause our language tutoring. We praise the Lord that she had a mild case, and since restrictions have lifted, we have resumed our tutoring just within these last 2 weeks. Nick was also sick with a virus (not Covid) during the first part of June but has since resumed his normal activities. He is currently looking for an opportunity to take a river trip to a nearby town soon.

The kids are all growing and doing well. Caleb is continuing to exercise his legs and get into everything possible! Adelyn has discovered princesses and is well on her way to becoming one.... pray for us! Gabriel is consistently learning, whether it is the alphabet, numbers, or Portuguese. He is our most outgoing child and has made many friends amongst our neighbors during this time of quarantine. This has opened the door to building more relationships, and as we continue learning the language, we trust that God will give us more opportunities to witness.

Though limited in what we can do, we have been looking for ways to allow us to reach the community. Working with missionary Jon Hernandez, we have given out over 100 family bags. These bags included many of the necessities of this region, such as rice, flour, powdered milk, salt, etc., as well as some extras like cookies, popcorn, chocolate powder, etc. We were also able to coordinate with national pastors/missionaries to send food to the river communities in Peru and Colombia that were in desperate need of supplies. The most thrilling part was watching the local church take action. They assisted in packing the family bags, giving it to those who came to the church for help, taking the family bags to those who couldn’t walk to the church, and giving them to their unsaved neighbors and family members as a testimony! It was a privilege to partake in this outreach, and we are thankful for your prayers and support during these chaotic times.

Until the next adventure!

In His Service,
Nick & Shaney Hilliard

“Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named...” ROMANS 15:20A